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SUSPENSION OF ACTION

This is responsive to the communication of September 9, 2002.

Claims 17 and 21-28 stand allowed.


All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

The terminal disclaimer filed on September 9, 2002 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of 6,310,222 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

A completed copy of the PTO-1149 of Paper No. 2 is enclosed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Michael L. Shippen** whose telephone number is (703) 308-4635. The Examiner's normal tour of duty is 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235. The official group FAX machine number is (703) 308-4556.

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